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SUBJECT: BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

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1. REFTEL A TRANSMITTED INTERIM GUIDELINES COVERING
ACTIVITIES UNDER BILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENTS. ICCUSA HAS NOW RPT NOW TRANSMITTED
GUIDANCE TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES ON JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR FALL 1978, AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR THE PRESENT, PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION AND
HOUSING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INTERNALLY AND WITH
SOVIETS, SHOULD CONTINUE.

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B. MATTER WILL BE RE-EXAMINED, HOWEVER, AS CIRCUMSTANCES
CHANGE, AND IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL, INCLUDING
SOVIETS, THAT PLANNING IS TENTATIVE.

C. EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEES MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS, AS

NECESSARY, BUT THERE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CO-CHAIRMEN AT THIS TIME.

D. IF ASKED WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN CURRENT POLICY, THE ANSWER IS NO; AS HODDING CARTER STATED IN HIS JULY 25 PRESS BRIEFING, ACTIVITIES AT THE WORKING LEVEL ARE PROCEEDING FOR THE MOMENT AND WE CONTINUE TO REVIEW SIGNIFICANT EVENTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

E. OTHER EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES MAY PROCEED WITH INTERNAL PLANNING FOR THEIR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BUT THEY MAY NOT RPT NOT SEND OR RESPOND TO COMMUNICATIONS ON THESE MEETINGS FROM THE SOVIETS.

2. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW WORKING GROUP SET FOR SEPTEMBER 6 TO 14 (MOORMAN, YOST, KRULITZ) TO PROCEED. GSA ADMINISTRATOR SOLOMON HAS BEEN REQUESTED, HOWEVER, TO POSTPONE HIS TRAVEL TO THE USSR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A HUD WORKING GROUP (ORIGINALLY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 6 TO 14). APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF INVITATION TO MINISTER OF RAILWAYS PAVLOVSKIY HAS BEEN GIVEN; WE ARE EXAMINING TEXT, AND WILL ADVISE WHAT TO DO WITH LETTER YOU NOW HOLD. NO INVITATION WILL BE EXTENDED AT PRESENT TO CULTURE MINISTER DEMICHEV FOR THE OCTOBER 7
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MINNEAPOLIS OPENING. US REPRESENTATION AT NAVY DAY RECEPTION WAS SHARPLY REDUCED FROM NORM, AS WILL BE REPRESENTATION AT AVIATION DAY.

3. THIS SET OF DECISIONS WAS ARRIVED AT AS PART OF THE CONTINUOUS REVIEW BEING CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON OF ALL OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. THE SECRETARY IS CONCERNED THAT OUR RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION BE A MEASURED ONE, IN WHICH ALL RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. VANCE

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